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February 5, 2001

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
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Washington, D. C. 20231

RE: new U. S. utility patent application filed Feb. 5, 2001  
of DIANE TROYER  
for "APPARATUS WITH LIQUID-CRYSTAL LIGHT VALVES AND SCAN-  
NING READING BEAM"

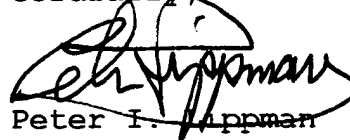
our docket xMTI-08

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing please find the new divisional application  
identified above, with a divisional application document, a  
copy of the declaration and power of attorney from the parent  
application, and our remittance of \$620 to cover the basic  
filing and excess claim fees.

If any further fee (other than an issue fee) becomes due, or  
any refund accrues, anytime during prosecution of this case,  
you are hereby authorized to proceed, without specific authori-  
zation, to charge such fee or credit such refund to our deposit  
account 12-1639.

Cordially

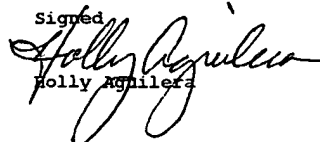
  
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- Encl.: - 186 typed pages and 16 sheets of informal drawings;  
- divisional application document of 4 pages;  
- remittance of \$620;  
- copy of the parent application declaration and power  
of attorney; and  
- acknowledgement card for date-stamping and return

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

DIVISIONAL APPLICATION

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

I. This is a request for a filing a divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) based upon parent application 09/071,398, filed May 1, 1998; which has not yet issued and is copending herewith.

PARENT APPLICATION

Inventors:	Diane Troyer	)	Group Art
Serial No.:	09/071,398	)	Unit:
Filed:	May 1, 1998	)	2851
Title:	"APPARATUS WITH LIQUID-CRYSTAL	)	
	LIGHT VALVES AND SCANNING	)	Examiner
	READING BEAM"	)	William C. Dowling

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Signed,

  
Hilly Aguilera

Applicants:

Full name of inventor: DIANE TROYER  
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II. Declaration or oath

No original declaration or oath is required in this divisional case. Application is made by a person authorized under 37 CFR 1.41(c) on behalf of the above-named Applicant. A copy of the executed declaration and power filed in the parent application is attached.

III. Cancellation and revision of claims

Please cancel claims:

~~8, 9, 13, 17 - 41, 63 - 65, and 70 - 72.~~

IV. Fee calculation

The filing fee is to be based on the number of claims remaining as a result of the claim cancellations presented in the preceding paragraph, which includes:

\$ 355 for the base filing fee  
\$ 225 for 25 claims in excess of 20  
\$ 40 for 1 independent claim in excess of 3

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\$620 total filing fees.

V. Entity size

The fees have been calculated at the small-entity rate.

An independent averment was filed in the parent application serial 09/071,398 on August 24, 1998, and its benefit under 37 CFR 1.28(a) is hereby claimed.

VI. Time and content of fee payment

The filing fee is being submitted now.

VII. Method of payment of fees

Our check for \$620 is enclosed to cover the filing fees as calculated above.

VIII. Authorization to charge additional fees

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to our deposit account 12-1639 any of these additional fees which may be required:

- filing fees and presentation of extra claims (37 CFR 1.16), and
- application processing fees at any time during the prosecution of this application (37 CFR 1.17).

IX. Instructions as to overpayment

Please credit to our deposit account 12-1639 any overpayment.

X. Priority -- 35 USC § 119

No foreign priority is applicable in this case.

XI. Relation back -- 35 USC § 120

Please amend the specification on page 1 by inserting at line 6, the sentence:

This is a divisional of copending application serial 09/071,398 filed on May 1, 1998,  
and issued as patent 6,183,092.

XII. Assignment

The prior application has not been assigned.

XIII. Power of attorney

The power of attorney in the prior application is to Peter I. Lippman, Reg. 22,835; Robert M. Ashen, 19,685; and David W. Hill, 28,220.

A copy of the executed original declaration and power is attached.

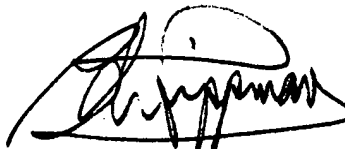
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XIV. Copendency of the prior application

The parent application is set to issue on February 6, 2001, therefore this application is copending therewith.

Respectfully submitted,



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